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SUBJECT: (C) AFGHAN INSURGENCY WRAP-UP AUGUST 10, 1980

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4. CONDITIONS WERE REPORTED WORSENING FOR THE MUJAHIDEEN IN NANGAHAR AND KUNAR PROVINCES AND IN THE KAZARADAT. IN THE LAST TWO AREAS, MUJAHID GROUPS ARE SAID TO HAVE HAD THEIR MOBILITY AND ACCESS TO SUPPLIES SERIOUSLY LIMITED BY EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF ROADS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES. NEAR-FAMINE CONDITIONS REPORTEDLY PREVAIL IN KUNAR, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, GUERILLA LEADERS ARE COMING TO PESHAWAR TO REPLENISH STOCKS OF FOOD SUPPLIES AS WELL AS ARMS AND AMMUNITION. IN NANGRAHAR, FIGHTING IS SAID TO HAVE SLOWED DOWN DUE TO A RIOT AMONG THE MUJAHIDEEN OF THE [ILLEG] YOUNGS KHALIS GROUP.

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6. EXILE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: HASSAN GALANI SAID THAT HE WILL SOON CEASE WORKING FOR HIS UNCLE SYED AHMED. GALANI'S NATIONAL FRONT TO DEVOTE HIMSELF FULL-TIME TO HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOYA GIRGA'S NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HE CLAIMED THAT HIZIB-I-ISLAMI AND JAMAAT ISLAMI CHIEFS GULBUDDIN HEKMATYAR AND BURHANUDDIN RABBANI WILL SOON TRAVEL TO IRAN.

7. SIBGHATULLAH MUJADEDI (AFGHAN NATIONAL FRONT) AND SYED AHMED GAILANI EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN QUESTIONED BY VOA'S FREDERIK BROWN ABOUT ISLAMIC ALLIANCE CHIEF ABDUL RASUL SAYAR'S STATEMENT IN THE ISLAMABAD "MUSLIM" NEWSPAPER THAT MUJAHID GROUPS HAD RECEIVED [ILLEG] FROM AFGHAN KHALOIS FOR A UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE KARMAL REGIME AND THE SOVIETS. NEVERTHELESS, BOTH MEN EXPRESSED SOME TENTATIVE INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION WITH SELECTED KHALOIS.

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9. OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT: AN AMERICAN CITIZEN UNDER THE NAME OF [2 WORDS ILLEG] WAS REPORTED TO HAVE GONE OVER THEIR BORDER JULY 30 WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP OF MUJAHIDEEN. THIS ANNOUNCED INTENTION WAS TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN THE FIGHTING. [ILLEG] IS ALMOST CERTAINLY THE SAME MAN AS ANDY BITY, A U.S. MARINE ON LEAVE AND LOOKING FOR TROUBLE HERE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WHO WAS ORDERED OUT OF THE COUNTRY BY ISLAMABAD. HE IS NOW RETIRED FROM U.S. MILITARY SERVICE.

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